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SUBJECT: FONOFF VIEW ON PEKING PROTEST

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D. HONG KONG 8476

1. FONOFF CHINA DIVDIR FUJITA PROVIDED US FOLLOWING  
ACCOUNT AND ASSESSMENT OF PROTEST BY PEKING OVER  
REMARKS MIYAZAWA MADE TO SENATOR MANSFIELD. AS  
REPORTED BY USLO, (REF B), AMB OGAWA WAS SUMMONED TO  
MOFA BY ASIAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR SHEN P'ING, RATHER THAN BY  
OGAWA'S CUSTOMARY COUNTERPART, THE VICE MINISTER. SHEN  
PROTESTED STATEMENT BY MIYAZAWA THAT "ABROGATION OF THE  
US-TAIWAN SECURITY TREATY WOULD CAUSE INSTABILITY IN THE  
REGION" WHICH, SHEN SAID, INTERFERED IN CHINA'S  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND VIOLATED THE '72 JAPAN-PRC  
COMMUNIQUE. FUJITA COMMENTED THAT SHEN'S  
PHRASEOLOGY CLEARLY INDICATED THAT PEKING WAS REACTING  
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TO PRESS REPORTS RATHER THAN MIYAZAWA'S ACTUAL REMARKS.

BASED ON PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED GUIDANCE, OGAWA GAVE SHEN WORDING OF MIYAZAWA'S ACTUAL COMMENTS. HE ASSURED SHEN THAT TOKYO WAS NOT IN ANY FASHION REPUDIATING THE '72 COMMUNIQUE. SHEN RAISED NO OTHER POINTS, BUT, CONTRARY TO USLO'S REPORT, FUJITA SAID AMB OGAWA HIMSELF BROUGHT UP THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES SQUABBLE. IN REPORT TO FONOFF, OGAWA SAID HE TOLD SHEN THAT HE "DEPLORED" THE EARLIER ATTACKS ON JAPAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE FONMIN'S DIET STATEMENT ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES. CRITICISM, OGAWA REPORTEDLY TOLD SHEN, WAS HIGHLY UNUSUAL BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHICH HAD FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

2. FONOFF AND JAPANESE EMBASSY AGREED NOT RPT NOT TO PUBLICIZE FACT THAT OGAWA WAS CALLED TO MOFA. HOWEVER, AT ALGERIAN RECEPTION THAT EVENING, A CHINESE OFFICIAL FROM THE FAR EAST BUREAU POINTEDLY SOUGHT OUT ASAHI REPORTER TAKEHIKO TADOKORO, ASKED HIM IF HE HAD HEARD OF THE PROTEST, AND THEN OUTLINED WHAT SHEN HAD SAID TO OGAWA. FONOFF AND EMBASSY WERE THEN FORCED TO CONFIRM THE EVENT. JAPANESE HOPED THE CHINESE WOULD DESIST AFTER THE PROTEST AND THE JAPANESE EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. NCNA OF COURSE DID NOT AND EVEN ESCALATED CRITICISM OF MIYAZAWA. FONMIN WANTED TO TRY TO IGNORE THE CHINESE MEDIA AND LET THE MATTER HOPEFULLY DIE. BUT PM MIKI HAS DECIDED TO CLARIFY JAPAN'S POLICY TOWARD CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION AT A DIET LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 28. BRIEFING PAPERS PREPARED FOR THE PM STAKE OUT NO NEW GROUND, BUT REAFFIRM JAPAN'S DESIRE TO CONCLUDE THE PEACE FRIENDSHIP TREATY QUICKLY. ASKED IF THE PM WOULD COMMENT ON US-PRC NORMALIZATION, FUJITA SAID PM MIKI WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO TO SO AND IF HE DID HE WOULD REAFFIRM THAT JAPANESE WELCOMES THE EARLY NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PRC.

3. GOJ HOPES THE STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER WILL END THE CONTRETEMPS WITH PEKING. AS HONG KONG OBSERVED (REF D), FUJITA NOTED THAT THE ATTACKS HAVE SO FAR BEEN DIRECTED ONLY AT THE FONMIN. (ALTHOUGH FUJITA SAID HE HAS BEEN ATTACKED PERSONALLY BY PRC EMBASSY OFFICIALS AS "AN EXCELLENT SPECIMEN OF CAPITALIST-CONFIDENTIAL

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ROADER".) HE IS PREPARED FOR THESE TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME SINCE, HE ASSUMES, THE CHINESE WILL TRY TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOJ BY AROUSING POPULAR OPINION IN JAPAN TO OPPOSE MIYAZAWA'S POSITIONS. HE EXPECTS, AND HOPES, PEKING WILL NOT BROADEN THE CRITICISM SO AS TO CAUSE SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS TO DETERIORATE. SHOESMITH

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